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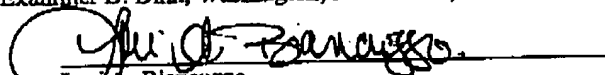
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Applicant: Steven M. Blumenau, et al.
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FOR A STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED TO A NETWORK

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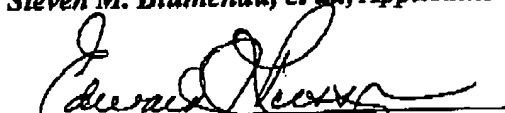
PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A three (3) month extension of time, to and including January 17, 2002, is requested for response to the Examiner's Action of July 17, 2001.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23/2825 in the amount of \$920.00 for the extension. If this amount is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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